



The Landsloterij of the Netherlands Antilles celebrates fifty-five years

One of the oldest and most well established lotteries in the Caribbean celebrates fifty-five years of successful existence, and for that celebration, they have readjusted their prize scheme to offer more and better payoffs to their loyal patrons. During a press conference last week, Pamilla Emers, Financial Controller for the Landsloterij and Iris Emerenciana, both from the head office in Curacao joined with Shelly Toppenberg, the distributor for the Landsloterij in Aruba in making the announcement.

The new prize scheme includes drawn prizes, derived prizes, and bigger, more attractive jackpots. The changes in the bi-weekly drawings will start on September 28, 2006. The scheme allows even those that have lost on the big payouts a chance to win an attractive prize.

Two components make up the new prize schedule consisting of 1,196 drawn prizes and 1,053 derived prizes. The regular bi-weekly drawing offers a jackpot of Nafl. 200,000, a second prize of Nafl. 30,000, and a third prize of Nafl. 10,000. In addition, there will be another jackpot offered of Nafl. 25,000, plus ten prizes of Nafl. 1,000, fifteen of Nafl. 500 and 1,167 prizes of Nafl. 150. These will also be awarded by the drawing process.

Beyond that, there are 1,053 derived prizes decided by the last two, three and four numbers, ranging from Nafls 1000 for having the last four numbers and Nafl. 100 for having the last two numbers. There is the possibility of a total of 2,249 payouts every two weeks, for a total of Nafl. 619,825 in prizes.

The Landsloterij will continue with their semi-annual drawings for Nafl. 500, 000, and Nafl. 1,000,000, enabling their patrons the opportunity to win a total of Nafl. 1, 297, 600 twice a year in the half-million florin lottery and Nafl. 2, 411,600 twice a year in the one million-florin lottery. In those drawings the derived prizes will range from Nafl. 1500 and 2500 respectively for the last four numbers, to Nafl. 200 for the last two numbers.

The complete new schedule is available at all the outlets that sell tickets for the Landsloterij of the Netherlands Antilles. This well-respected lottery uses the funds to finance sporting events for the islands, and encouraging healthy pastimes for youth. A ticket costs four florins (\$2.30 U.S.)